

ALFALFA GROWING MOST PROFITABLE

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Government Experiments
Show Value.

WHO WANTS AN OVERCOAT?

Extra One at Capitol—State in Market for \$50,000 Worth of Bonds.

Alfalfa growers in Virginia, who are constantly increasing in number, are doubly rejoiced just now over the high price of the hay this year, and the results of the United States government's experiments in the product's food value. With alfalfa hay bringing \$26 a ton, there is prosperity for the successful grower.

Commissioner Kolmer, of the Department of Agriculture, estimates the Virginia alfalfa acreage this year at 5,000. This sounds small, but as compared with other years it is large. Only recently have efforts to interest farmers along this line succeeded. Very many have small tracts, from one to five acres, on which they are experimenting. Mr. Kolmer approves of this, since it gives the farmer a chance to study his land and the best methods of producing a crop without material risk. For to grow alfalfa, one must know how.

Clubs Are Organized.
Alfalfa clubs have sprung up all over the State, and meetings are held and methods are discussed. The interchange of views and experiences has proven valuable.

The government experiments have included 300 horses. In a nutshell, the report is that the animals given a balanced ration of corn and hay in which alfalfa is used are in better condition than those using other sorts of hay, and that only two-thirds as much alfalfa as other kinds is required, because of its high percentage of protein.

Results have shown that every part of Virginia will produce alfalfa. One of the best fields Mr. Kolmer has seen was in Smyth county, near Marion, in the mountains of the Southwest, showing that low altitudes are not necessary.

Captain J. F. Jack, the father of alfalfa growing in Virginia, has between 400 and 500 acres this year in his farm on the Rappahannock River. There seems a prospect of millions in it for the Virginia farmer.

NEED AN OVERCOAT?

Party Who Took Mr. Gordon's Can Get His Own, and No Questions Asked.
The legislator or other citizen who left his overcoat in the office of Governor Mann on January 19 of this year can get same by submitting the necessary proof. Of course, he doesn't want it now, but he may next winter. It is the mystery of the Capitol.

Incidentally, as a result of the deal, and probably explanatory thereof, Armistead C. Gordon, of Staunton, rector of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, either went without an overcoat during the coldest weather of last winter or bought a new one.

Mr. Gordon was in the Governor's office on the day the session of the Legislature began. So also were Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, the author, and S. L. Ferguson, of Appomattox. When they left Mr. Gordon put on an overcoat—the only one left. Later he returned, saying that the coat was not his. He left it, hoping that the party who took his would return. But he never came back.

The manufacturer is one of the largest in the country, so there can be no clue from the label. The contents of the pockets were a pair of brown gloves without mark of any sort, and an empty cigarette box. The culprit smokes the most generally used brand in these parts.

State Will Buy Bonds.

On July 1 Second Auditor Rosewell Page, acting for the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners, will be in the market for about \$50,000 worth of Virginia bonds, which he will buy for the lowest price bid, and then will cancel. The fund is in possession of this sum, to be used in reducing the public debt. On the same day the Second Auditor will be ready to pay out \$120,000 in interest, the semi-annual payment on all the outstanding indebtedness. Of this total, the sinking fund will get about \$16,000 on bonds retired by it.

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ONE OF FOUR MEN MAY BE SPEAKER

Will Be Cox, Williams, White or Oliver—Fight Will Be Deferred a Year.

In political circles the opinion prevails that one of four men will be the next Speaker of the House of Delegates of Virginia. Since the first announcement of the retirement of Speaker Richard Evelyn Byrd, in The Times-Dispatch of Monday, there has been some discussion of the matter, although there will be no particular contest for at least a year. In fact, in the nature of things there cannot be.

The four men suggested are: Edwin F. Cox, of Richmond; Judge Martin Williams, of Giles; Hugh A. White, of Rockbridge; and Walter Tansill Oliver, of Fairfax. All are men of large legislative experience, and have sat temporarily in the Speaker's chair, where members have had a chance to size them up.

Mr. Cox has been chairman of the joint Democratic caucus of the General Assembly for the past two sessions. He is chairman of the Committee on General Laws of the House, and is the ranking member, next to the Speaker, of the Committee on Rules. He is always listened to in debate, and has much influence with the lawmakers.

For two sessions Judge Williams has been Democratic floor leader in the House. He is chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, the premier committee, which did an enormous amount of work during the past session.

He holds large power among the members. In debate he has measured swords with all others, and has been the author of a great deal of legislation.

Mr. White's legislative record is limited to two sessions, and he has not yet attained a chairmanship. But he had done much work on the Committee for Courts of Justice. In argument, his ability is fully recognized by everybody. Generally he addresses his efforts to bills seeking to shear corporations of their power and to correct errors in legislation.

Mr. Oliver is chairman of the House Committee on Schools and Colleges, a ready debater, ranking member of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and leader on the floor.

Any one of the men will accept the office of Speaker.

Too Early for Fight.
The first thing to be done by a candidate for this office is to be nominated for re-election to the Legislature. Previous to this a campaign for Speaker would be a joke, for it would be taking the people too much for granted. The public does not like to be taken for granted. Judge Williams, who has no opposition for the nomination from Giles and Bland, Mr. White has been opposed in his county, and there is always a fight on Mr. Oliver. In Richmond Mr. Cox must make his chance with the field. He usually comes out near the top.

Besides, until the rest of the members are nominated, there can be no fight. It is of no use to canvass people who will not come back. So there can be no contest for the speakership, as has just been said, for about one year from this date.

PARKER FAVORED BY COMMITTEE

May Be Temporary Chairman of Democratic National Convention.

WAIT NEWS FROM CHICAGO

New York Delegation Expected to Vote for Harmon on First Ballot.

Baltimore, Md., June 15.—Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, was strongly indicated to-day as the choice of the arrangement committee for temporary chairman of the Democratic National Convention. Those members of the arrangement committee now here were agreed that the former presidential candidate was neutral in his attitude toward all candidates for the presidential nomination, and that he possessed all the qualifications of a presiding officer.

Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, is said to have brought forward the name of Judge Parker for temporary chairman a few days ago in New York.

The arrangement committee meets here Thursday to name the temporary officers of the convention. Several members of the committee have not reached the city.

Wait News From Chicago.
Democratic leaders and national committeemen laid aside their pre-convention labors to-day and looked toward the west for news from Chicago.

Much depends upon what is done at the Republican convention as to the course we will take in naming our ticket and building the Democratic platform," said National Committeeman Wade, of Iowa.

The movement to have the two-thirds rule of the convention abrogated has been dropped by the Champ Clark forces on the advice of Senator William J. Stone, of Missouri, Clark's closest adviser. Clark's forces also switched again on sparring for advantage in the temporary chairmanship situation. After changing Senator Ollie James, of Kentucky, to Theodore A. Bell, of California, Sunday they have gotten entirely out of the race and will keep hands off.

Senator Stone came to Baltimore and conferred with a number of Speaker Clark's friends who have been sizing up the situation. He gave out interviews explaining his position on the two-thirds rule and temporary chairmanship fight, but while he did not definitely declare that the Clark people had withdrawn, the fact that they have stepped out was verified elsewhere.

New York May Go to Harmon.
It is stated by one in authority that the New York delegation, with its ninety votes, is considering going to Governor Harmon, of Ohio, on the first ballot. This may be done, it is explained, so as to equalize, to a certain extent, the strength of Wilson, Clark and Harmon in the convention and create a deadlock, which will further the plan of New York politicians to have Mayor Gaynor, of New York, accepted as compromise candidate.

Wilson has about 300 votes in sight for the first few ballots. Clark has about 190 and the remainder are for Harmon, for some favorite sons or are uninstructed. By giving Harmon the ninety votes of New York he will be nearer to the vote of Wilson.

With the situation in such shape it would be difficult for any one of the three candidates to get two-thirds. New York has political alliances with some of the favorite-son States, like Indiana and Connecticut, which will prevent it from breaking away and going to Clark.

By sticking to Harmon for a number of ballots and holding the uninstructed States, the Tammany people expect to be able to create the deadlock which they desire.

William J. Bryan is an admirer of Gaynor, and has said he would be glad to see him in the field. If the deadlock continued and Bryan saw no chance for Wilson or Clark, Bryan might throw his support to Gaynor and assume the responsibility for his nomination.

It is figured that Bryan would not be adverse to doing this, and that it would be satisfactory to Gaynor's friends, who know that while Gaynor is close to Charles F. Murphy, the New York boss, he would prefer to have Bryan known as the father of his candidacy.

Culberson Picks Wilson.
"If you want to pick the winner at the convention here next week, the man who will be elected is the president of the United States, here's the tip. It's Woodrow Wilson, Governor of New Jersey, and a Democrat who stands for real progress."

That is the "tip" furnished by Senator Charles A. Culberson, of Texas, a Wilson man all down the alphabet and back again.

"I am not only enthusiastic in my belief now that Wilson is the man, but my enthusiasm will be indorsed after Wilson's record is allowed to permeate through the country after his nomination here," continued Mr. Culberson. "That nomination is assured—absolutely—so there is no use expressing any fears on that score. Wilson stands up as a colossus in this campaign, the man destined to lead us to victory. He stands, too upon a record of legislation that means much to the welfare of the people whom he has served. What he has done in New Jersey, he will do throughout the country. His executive ability has already been tested and approved."

Building Permits.
Permits to build and repair were issued by Inspector Beck yesterday as follows:
Mrs. Elmore Smith, to erect a detached two-story frame dwelling, 1902 West Cary Street, \$1,750; and erect a detached, two-story, store and dwelling, 1900 West Cary Street, \$1,750.

Miss Elizabeth Lee, to erect a detached two-story brick tenement for two dwellings on the north side of Kensington Avenue between Robinson and Mulberry Streets, \$19,000.

J. R. Hutcheson, to erect a detached, two-story brick dwelling on the west side of Twenty-ninth Street, between Franklin and Grace Streets, \$3,000.

Mrs. Fannie Miller, to repair brick store, 314 North Sixth Street, \$1,100.

Mr. S. L. Francis, to repair frame dwelling, 408 Cabell Street, \$625.

THE LAX-FOS WAY.
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That's the Lax-Fos Way.
We ask you to buy the first bottle on the money-back plan, and you will ask your druggist to send you the second.

It keeps your whole machine right. There is nothing else made like Lax-Fos. Remember the name—LAX-FOS—Adv.

Sentimentality

is just about the silliest thing in the world. This tendency to be swayed by mawkish feeling rather than by reason is responsible for all sorts of foolish actions, for it is simply a weak and foolish state of mind.

Now it is not believable that a whole community—an intelligent community like Richmond—can be either hoodwinked or hypnotized into such a state of mind; yet the appeal made to this City for a competitive light and power franchise is, in the final analysis, purely and simply an appeal to sentimentality.

The Richmond and Henrico Railway Company tells you itself that it is losing money (losing it in a business which it has only itself to blame for going into), and so it says: "Please, Good, Kind, Open-hearted City of Richmond, GIVE us a light and power franchise, in order that we may recoup our losses and not have to play a losing game."

In making this appeal to sentimentality the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company DOES NOT AND CANNOT OFFER ANY BETTER SERVICE than is now provided in Richmond by the Virginia Railway and Power Company; NEITHER DOES IT OFFER ANY LOWER PRICE FOR ANY KIND OF SERVICE. But it does ask YOU TO FORGET the teaching of all experience and all history of public service corporations that COMPETITION IN THE PROVIDING OF ANY PUBLIC UTILITY ALWAYS AND INEVITABLY LEADS TO AN IMPAIRED SERVICE AND A HIGHER PRICE FOR THAT SERVICE.

In its editorial leader of June 16 The Times-Dispatch very wisely says: "If sentiment is to guide in this matter, it would be better for Richmond to issue bonds and reimburse the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company for what they have lost than to give a franchise WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY BE A HEAVY CHARGE ON ALL THE CITIZENS."

Where is the RIGHT, or REASON, or COMMON SENSE in the sentimental appeal of the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company to be lifted by the City out of the financial hole which it dugged for itself?

Why not talk over this appeal to sentimentality with your friends in the City Council? They will want to know what YOU think about it.

Read to-morrow's Service Talk.

Virginia Railway and Power Company

Service Talk No. 26
June 19, 1912

NO ELECTION BY BOARD TILL FALL

Fritz Sitterding to Be Acting President of Street Railway Company.

According to a statement given out yesterday by Henry W. Anderson, vice-president and general counsel of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, a successor to President William Northrop will not be elected until the fall. In the meantime Fritz Sitterding, senior vice-president, will be acting president. Mr. Anderson made it plain that he would not seek or accept the office of president. The statement follows:

"In order to set at rest, as far as possible, the various rumors as to filling the vacancy in the office of president of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, caused by the deplorable death of Mr. Northrop, I desire to say that the president of the company is elected by the board of directors, and that there will be no meeting of the board before the 25th of June, and the matter will probably not be considered or acted upon before the early fall, when all interests in the property, including Mr. Gould, who is now abroad, can be consulted. In the meantime the operation of the property will be under the direction of Fritz Sitterding, the senior vice-president, with such assistance as I can render him as vice-president and general counsel."

"Not only the board of directors, but all interests in the property have a great confidence in Mr. Sitterding's ability and judgment, and while he has frequently indicated that he did not desire to assume more extensive responsibilities in connection with the properties in view of his large and varied interests, he has consented to assume these obligations for the present at least."

"While I am not authorized to speak for the board or the larger interests in the property, I know that when it comes to filling the vacancy the wishes and views of Mr. Sitterding, as well as those of the large number of stockholders of the property in Richmond, who own over 20 per cent. of the entire capital stock, will be fully considered."

"The mention of my name in that connection is entirely unauthorized. I am a lawyer and not a railroad operator, and neither the interests of the company nor my own interests would permit the consideration of my name."

PLEA OF INSANITY IN GWALTNEY CASE

Woman Accused of Killing Husband Will Be Tried June 25.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Kenbridge, Va., June 18.—The trial of Mrs. Ilma C. Gwaltney, which was set for Wednesday, June 12, was postponed on account of the absence of material witnesses. Court was adjourned to convene again on the 25th, at which time Mrs. Gwaltney will be tried.

Mrs. Gwaltney is charged with having shot and killed her husband, Kenbridge, on October 15 last. Since this time she has been confined in the Petersburg jail. The prisoner was removed to Lunenburg last week, and will remain here until her trial. She was brought into court, arraigned and pleaded "not guilty." Her attorneys will enter a plea of insanity at the time of the homicide.

The prosecution will make a strong fight for conviction. Commonwealth's Attorney N. S. Turnbull will be assisted by R. W. Arnold, of Waverly, while Mrs. Gwaltney will be represented by the firm of McNeill, Hudgins & Ozlin.

At the recent term of Circuit Court for Lunenburg county, Judge William R. Barksdale signed an order calling for an election to be held in Brown's Store district to determine whether the district shall issue \$40,000 of bonds for road improvement. The election is called for July 18, and every effort will be made to carry it by a large majority.

It is well known that Lunenburg is behind in the work of road improvement, and the people in and around Kenbridge have been laboring earnestly to get a movement on foot for the improvement of the wretched highways in this county. Brown's Store District has approximately thirty-eight miles of public road, and \$40,000 will be sufficient to improve with sandclay or soil all the roads in the district.

The contested election case between A. S. Bridgeforth and C. C. Hatchett for the office of county treasurer has not yet been decided, as was reported some weeks ago. The court did hand in its opinion on May 1, deciding that C. C. Hatchett had been elected by a majority of one of the legal votes, and he was declared elected. Since that time the attorneys for the contestants have discovered errors in the record, and petitioned the court for a rehearing. Judge Barksdale after hearing the argument for and against the motion to reopen decided that if errors existed in the record they

should be corrected, and set the 28th of June as the day for final argument.

This has been one of the most hotly contested cases known in Lunenburg county in several years, and much interest is shown by the people at large.

SHOWER BRINGS RELIEF TO CITY

Even Chicago Is Forgotten When High Temperature Tumbles Down.

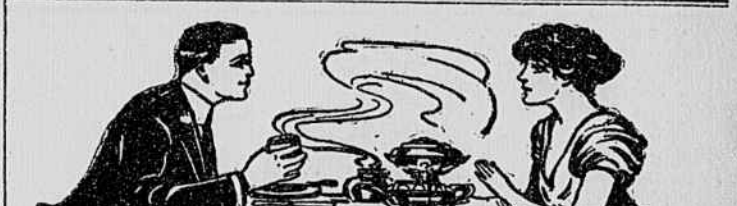
Between scorching news from the hostile Republican camps in Chicago and a tropical sun which seemed bent upon beating Monday's record of four prostrations, Richmond plodded through another uncomfortable day yesterday. Citizens felt obliged by their vows to the Constitution to keep in touch with the great political drama being unfolded at Chicago and

paced the streets recklessly to pick up the scraps of misinformation that trickled in over the wires.

When the thermometer in the kiosks showed a street temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, even tried and true Republicans of thirty years, standing took to their heels and disappeared into offices where electric fans buzzed there to soliloquize over the temporary chairmanship until the slanting rays made it safe again to venture into the street.

Highest Point Was 91.5.
Up on wind-swept Chimborazo the weather was more moderate. The mercury in the observatory thermometer climbed to 91.5, but went no higher. This was 1.5 degrees lower than yesterday's record which was the hottest this year. In the downtown districts where towering skyscrapers K'll the James River breezes in their infancy, the heat withered the stoutest spirits and sent them in an endless stream to the soda emporiums.

Without exception the greatest event in the city yesterday was the rain which arrived at 5 o'clock. During its short life, even the Republican nomination was forgotten. It laid to rest tons of flying dust, sent a breath of the ocean through the grand canyon on East Main, and left the air nearly twenty degrees cooler.



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